

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 14, and 24 are amended by way of this amendment to clarify the subject matter of the invention. All pending claims, as amended, are believed to be allowable over the references cited by the Examiner as discussed below. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for the present application is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-6, 14-19, 24-29, and 34-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gilles et al.

Independent claims 1, 14, and 24 are generally amended to recite that the automated communications are between two service providers that cooperate to provide high speed network access service to the end subscriber, the cooperating includes after the high speed network access service is established and includes the high speed network access service itself.

In contrast, Gilles discloses electronic communications between a telecommunications reseller 50 and a telecommunications wholesaler 22. As shown in FIG. 1 and as described in the associated text, and as is known in the art, it is the telecommunications wholesaler 22 that provides the services while the telecommunications reseller 50 merely resells the services of provided by the wholesaler 22 and the reseller 50 itself does not provide any of the telecommunications services itself. In other words, Gilles does not disclose automated communications between two service providers, as recited in the claims.

Furthermore, each of independent claims 1, 14, and 24 generally recites that the request message relates to the high speed network access service. Gilles does not disclose high speed network access service nor request for the high speed network access service.

The claims are directed to better address the needs and requirements that are particular to the ordering of high speed network access service and to the high speed network access service itself. In contrast, Gilles neither discloses nor suggests the provision of high speed network access service.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1, 14, and 24 as well as claims 2-6, 15-19, 25-29, and 34-36 dependent variously therefrom under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7-13, 20-23, and 30-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gilles et al. in view of Chen et al.

However, dependent claims 7-13, 20-23, and 30-33 are believed to be allowable at least because the independent claims 1, 14, and 24 from which they variously depend are allowable as discussed above.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7-13, 20-23, and 30-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter accompanying this document is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 and/or any other relief is required, Applicant hereby petitions for any required relief including Extensions of Time and/or any other relief and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. **50-1217** (Order No. **COVDP008**).

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